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SUBJ: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

REF: A. STATE 62535; B. ANKARA 1320; C. STATE 34222; D. ANKARA 1279

SUMMARY: TURK MFA OFFICIAL REITERATED THAT TURKEY WILL
ABSTAIN ON ANY VOTE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES
TO GIVE VOTING RIGHTS TO ENTITIES SUCH AS PRG AND GRUNK. HE
ASKED FOR INFO ON HOW USG INTENDS TO HANDLE KHMER ISSUE DURING
NEXT UNGA REGULAR SESSION IF, AS EXPECTED, IT COMES UP DURING
SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 24 WE MADE PRESENTATION TO OMER AKBEL, SECTION
CHIEF IN DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MFA,
ON USG'S CONCERNS OVER POSSIBILITY PRG (VIETCONG) AND GRUNK
(PRINCE SIHANOUK CAMBODIAN ENTITY) MIGHT BE PERMITTED TO
PARTICIPATE IN UN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
CONFERENCES (REF A). AKBEL REVIEWED TURKEY'S POSITION ALONG
MUCH THE SAME LINES AS REPORTED REF B:

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A. TURKEY WILL ACCEPT AND EVEN VOTE FOR OBSERVER STATUS FOR SO-CALLED INSURGENT AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING PRG AND GRUNK, TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES; ON THE OTHER HAND.

B. THE GOT WILL ABSTAIN ON ANY VOTE TO GIVE SUCH ENTITIES VOTING RIGHTS, OR IN OTHER WORDS TO ALLOW THEM TO TAKE PART AS FULL PARTICIPANTS.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH TURKEY'S SUPPORT IN UNGA IN DECEMBER 1973 FOR DEFERMENT OF KHMER QUESTION, AKBEL WAS ASKED WHAT GOT'S POSITION WOULD BE IF GRUNK, RATHER THAN MERELY SEEKING PARTICIPANT STATUS AT A MEETING SUCH AS FEBRUARY LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE AT GENEVA, WENT FURTHER AND ALSO SOUGHT REMOVAL OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF KHMER REPUBLIC. HE RESPONDED THAT GOT WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER MERITS OF CASE AT TIME.

3. AKBEL INQUIRED HOW USG WAS GOING TO HANDLE KHMER QUESTION WHEN IT PRESUMABLY COMES UP AGAIN DURING REGULAR UNGA SESSION STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. WE READ TO HIM PORTIONS OF REF C TO EFFECT THAT, DURING THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, WE HAD ANTICIPATED POSSIBLE CHALLENGE BY GRUNK OF CREDENTIALS OF LEGITIMATE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND HAD ASKED GOVERNMENTS (INCLUDING TURKEY) TO INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATIONS TO OPPOSE EFFORTS TO SEAT THE GRUNK. AKBEL CONTINUED THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE WE HAD, INCLUDING ANY ASSESSMENT OF THE ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC STRENGTH OF GRUNK VIS-A-VIS GOVERNMENT OF KHMER REPUBLIC AT TIME KHMER QUESTION COMES UP DURING NEXT UNGA. HE SAID MFA WANTED SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION, RATHER THAN BEING FACED BY A CRUCIAL VOTE AT LAST MINUTE.

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT AMBASSADOR WEIGHED IN AT HIGH LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IN FEBRUARY TO REQUEST GOT TO VOTE AGAINST FULL PARTICIPATION FOR PRG AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, AND RECEIVED RESPONSE THAT TURKEY'S POSITION HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY PRIMIN AS RESULT OF HIS DEMARCHE (REF D). IN VIEW OF THIS, WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO RESERVE ANOTHER APPROACH AT THIS LEVEL FOR THE NEXT VOTE INVOLVING THE PRG OR GRUNK.

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